

DELETE

~~NOT SUITABLE FOR MICROFILM~~

PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION REPORT (CIR) NO. 21

PRISONER: BEETZ, Hildegard, nee BURKHARDT *cit German country* DATE: 19 July 1945

1. PERSONAL DATA

@ FELICITAS

XARZ-3305

Frau BEETZ was an agent of Amt VI, RSHA. Born in OBERNISSA nr WEIMAR in 1919, she graduated from high school in 1938 and subsequently attended a private interpreters' school in LEIPZIG. She entered the SD in 1939, serving in WEIMAR until March 1940 when she was transferred to Amt VI, RSHA. She worked as interpreter and translator of Italian at both the ROME and BERLIN offices up to September 1943, when she was chosen to become an agent. BEETZ was assigned as secretary to CIANO, then under house arrest at ALLMANNSHAUSEN/Starnberger See, MUENCHEN, with instructions to report his activities to Amt VI.

BEETZ grew fond of CIANO, who had been transferred to a prison at VERONA, Italy, and in October 1943 she decided to help him. Through her efforts she claims CIANO's diary and several documents pertaining to Italo-German relations were kept from falling into the hands of the SD and she was able to assist EDDA MUSSOLINI in her escape to SWITZERLAND. Upon her own request, BEETZ was transferred back to WEIMAR in October 1944 where she continued her original work of translating and interpreting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

BEETZ was arrested in WEIMAR, on 19 Jun 45, by 208 CIC Det. She arrived at USFET Interrogation Center on 20 Jun 45 and was accepted at the request of Chief G-2 (CIB), HQ USFET. Arrest report and SHAEF Card were not available. Reports forwarded with BEETZ were the following: HQ 12th Army Group SCI Det Report dated 18 Jun 45
SCI Det WEIMAR Report dated 14, 16 and 17 Jun 45
SCI Notes, SCI Det WEIMAR dated 25 Jun 45
A number of translations made by BEETZ

3. KNOWLEDGE BRIEF

- Organization and personnel of WEIMAR, BERLIN and ROME offices of Amt VI, RSHA.
- Methods and agents employed by the SD in ITALY.
- SD methods for infiltrating personnel into SWITZERLAND.
- SD contacts in SWITZERLAND and ITALY.
- Information concerning Italo-German relations.

AN/P/PFB
AB X
IN XD
PS
EX
DES NFD
FI

4. INTERROGATION PLAN

The interrogation will be conducted according to the knowledge brief.

5. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

BEETZ appears to be fully cooperative and should release information on the subjects mentioned in the knowledge brief.

The recipients of this report are requested to submit special briefs of any subjects upon which this prisoner should be interrogated and to indicate the desired distribution of the resultant report.

For Colonel PHILP:

Harry K. Lennon

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SP-6 J. WOODSEXEMPTION 3828
NATIONAL WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2006

HARRY K. LENNON
Captain, Inf
B & E Section

DISTRIBUTION: "B"

#15 ATT h/w

CONFIDENTIAL

19 July 45
XARZ-3305
19 July 45